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Favorite for Pentagon Post Attacked

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WASHINGTON—Conservative Republicans in the Senate are mounting a determined effort to dissuade President-elect Ronald Reagan from nominating Frank Carlucci as deputy secretary of defense, *The Times* learned Thursday.

Carlucci, now deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is reportedly the first choice of Secretary of Defense-designated Caspar W. Weinberger for the No. 2 Pentagon job.

Carlucci, 50, a career foreign-service officer and former ambassador to Portugal, served in two high positions under Weinberger during the Richard M. Nixon Administration.

He is described in a staff paper prepared for the Senate Republican Steering Committee, an organization of conservative GOP senators, as "an obstruction, rather than an asset, to Reagan interests."

The paper complains that Carlucci:

—Has had "direct involvement in a number of undertakings that have severely impaired U.S. intelligence capability, assessment and work product."

—Gave "active support" to a



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Frank Carlucci

February, 1978, presidential order that set forth guidelines on how the U.S. intelligence community should conduct itself. The order grew out of Senate hearings that were highly critical of the CIA's conduct. The staff paper says the order "enormously restricted intelligence collection."

—"Consistently refused to comply with Justice Department requests for critical cable traffic and other intelligence the CIA possesses" that related to Billy Carter's relations with Libya. The paper adds that Carlucci "persisted in withholding potentially damaging information" about the President's brother.

—Refused "to publish a national intelligence estimate on Soviet intentions and objectives following the invasion of Afghanistan."

Carlucci could not be reached for comment. But a source close to the intelligence community said, "Carlucci apparently denied these people (Reagan transition team members) access to some stuff and was singularly uncooperative, and this is their way of getting back at him."

If a significant number of Senate Republicans subscribe to the allegations against Carlucci—and if Reagan nominates him—the opposition could be troublesome for Weinberger too.

Weinberger twice has chosen Carlucci for high positions in government. When Weinberger was director of the Office of Management and Budget in the early 1970s, he made Carlucci an associate director and later deputy director.

Carlucci also followed Weinberger to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, where Weinberger later served as secretary. Carlucci became Weinberger's under secretary.

President Gerald R. Ford named Carlucci ambassador to Portugal in 1974, and President Carter made him deputy CIA director in 1977.